

REPORT OF THE LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES

The spring of 2009 found the Trustees, along with a few volunteers, cleaning up the winter debris of fallen limbs from the park trails, and raking out the picnic area. There was no significant winter damage to park benches or signage within the park.

The small garden in front of the memorial tablet was planted with scarlet impatiens which thrived throughout the summer. The Trustees looked into various options of cleaning the brass tablet itself to improve its readability. We chose not to remove the tablet from the stone for it to be professionally cleaned off-site because of cost and certain remounting risks, and were reluctant to employ the common present day practice of spray painting the background a dark color for fear of downgrading its intrinsic value. Accordingly, we used a wet sanding technique with very fine paper to clean and brighten the raised surfaces of the lettering – thus improving the readability.

We continued our practice of purchasing some seedlings of plants attractive to birds and small wildlife from the Belknap County Conservation District and planting them in the park. This year's selections included grey dogwood, black elderberry, and wintergreen.

During the Easter Sunday fire, which leveled many cottages at the Christian conference Campground, burning embers were blown into the park in the area of the River Trail igniting and severely burning a large pine tree. Because it was deemed a hazard, we engaged Waterman's Tree Service to remove it along with another large dead pine nearby. Earlier in the year we had the tree service remove a tree at the scenic outlook, restoring that site to its normal view. Additionally we requested the NH Department of Transportation to remove some hazardous trees within the Route 11 right of way; they responded and did so promptly.

We are currently in discussions with the Water commission regarding their desire to construct a gate at the entrance to the access road that leads to the Town well in the rear of the property, for the purpose of preventing unauthorized vehicular use of the road. The road will continue to be available for pedestrian users of the park to reach trails that are in the rear of the property.

Levey Park is open to the public from sunrise to sunset for picnicking, hiking, bird watching, X-C skiing and snowshoeing. No motorized vehicles of any kind are permitted, nor are open fires. Municipal well water is available during the warm weather months.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard N. Jones, Chairman